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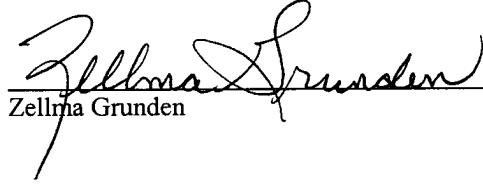
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed March 24, 2006. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of the paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.